

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN ERNEST BERGSAGEL**, on February 3, 1999  
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 317 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Ernest Bergsagel, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Tom A. Beck, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Matt McCann (D)  
Sen. Chuck Swysgood (R)  
Rep. Tom Zook (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** Sen. J.D. Lynch (D)

**Staff Present:** Cassandra Drynan, Committee Secretary  
Jane Hamman, OBPP  
Pam Joehler, Legislative Branch

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and  
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: **HOUSE BILL 5 & 14 - LONG RANGE  
BUILDING PROGRAM, 2/3/1999**

Executive Action: None

#### **HEARING ON HB 5 & 14 - LONG RANGE BUILDING PROGRAM**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION**

**Mr. Don Artley**, Administrator of the Forestry Division, gave an  
overview of the department's past projects **EXHIBIT(jlh27a01)**.  
Questions were asked.

**{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.5 - 8.4}**

**Ms. Pam Joehler**, Legal Fiscal Division, explained where to find the authority and numbers for past appropriations.

**{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 2.3 - 3.4}**

**CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** asked that in the future the department provide a list of all the money appropriated by other subcommittees for maintenance.

**{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 8.4 - 9}**

**Ms. Jane Hamman**, OBPP, and **Ms. Joehler** explained that funds are not appropriated as maintenance dollars specifically and explained possible ways to get around this by manipulating **HB 2**. Discussion followed.

**{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 9 - 11.7}**

**Mr. Artley** covered proposals for current projects to build new stations in Lincoln and Clearwater.

**{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 11.9 - 15.1}**

**SEN. SWYSGOOD** asked what consultant fees were needed for. **Mr. Whaley** responded.

**{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 15.2 - 16.5}**

**REP. ZOOK** asked what it meant that the septic system and other utilities needed verification. **Mr. Whaley** responded.

**{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 17.1 - 17.6}**

#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**Mr. John Blacker**, Administrator of the Maintenance Division, made introductions.

**{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 19.8 - 20.4}**

**Mr. Larry Marilow**, Facilities Manager, gave an overview of the department's prior projects. Questions were asked.

**{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 20.4 - 26.9}**

**Mr. Blacker** explained how the department prioritizes its projects and gave an overview of the proposals for new projects, **EXHIBIT (j1h27a02)**.

**{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 26.9 - 2:A:3.0}**

**CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** asked about the cost per square foot for the storage facilities.

**{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 28.5 - 30.5}**

**Discussion:** Concerning the distribution of rest stops throughout the state.

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 1 - 2.5}**

**Mr. Blacker** went down the list of projects in **EXHIBIT 2**.

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 2.5 - 2:A:3.0}**

**CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** asked about the ownership of a road by Malta, P 99, and who was responsible for its maintenance.

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 16.2 - 16.9}**

**Mr. Tom O'Connell**, Department of Administration, requested that the committee add "and roof replacement at Helena Headquarters" to the title of the "Construct Equipment Buildings Statewide" project.

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 17 - 17.6}**

**CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** asked about the \$110,000 that would be going into a special revenues account and how those moneys would be used.

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 17.6 - 18.2}**

**REP. MCCANN** asked how much the department estimated they would get from the sale of the Chateau facility. **Mr. Blacker** responded, approximately \$90,000.

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 18.2 - 19.5}**

**SEN. BECK** asked why the design cost for the storage facilities was so high. **Mr. Marilow** responded.

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 19.6 - 21.6}**

**SEN. SWYSGOOD** asked why the design costs would be different for similar sized facilities and what the doors cost.

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 21.8 - 23.8}**

**Mr. Black** continued his presentation.

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 23.8 - 27.7}**

**REP. MCCANN** asked if the buildings being released in Lewis and Clark County had any value.

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 27.7 - 29.5}**

**REP. ZOOK** asked if the state only had one group of core drillers. Discussion followed.

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 29.6 - 2:A:0.8}**

**Mr. Black** continued his presentation.

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.9 - 3.0}**

**CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** asked if all of the departments requests would be coming out of state special revenue. Discussion followed.

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 3.3 - 4.2}**

#### DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS

**General Prendergast**, Sargent General and Director of the Department of Military Affairs, gave a short presentation on how the department was improving the economy of the state and introduced their long distance learning program.

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 4.5 - 9.5}**

**CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** asked that the department be adamant about being connected with the universities and schools in their long distance learning program. Discussion followed.

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 9.5 - 11.1}**

**REP. MCCANN** asked why they were instituting a long distance learning program. **General Prendergast** responded. Discussion followed.

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 11.1 - 12.5}**

**General Prendergast** continued his presentation.

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 12.5 - 14.5}**

**CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** asked what the department was planning to do with the Helena Armory. **Mr. Bill Bailis**, Department of Administration, responded. Discussion followed.

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 14.5 - 16}**

**General Prendergast** recognized **Mr. Carl Nordberg**, **Mr. Larry Longfellow**, **Mr. John Sloan**, **Mr. Earl Vermillion**, **Mr. Roy Wahl**, **Mr. Fred Naegele** and **Mr. Hal Manson**, WWII veterans.

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 16.1 - 17.2}**

**SEN. BECK** asked what the \$3 million in matching funds from the state were going for.

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 18.1 - 18.8}**

**Mr. Ralph DeGunzo**, Department of Military Affairs, gave an overview of the departments prior projects and explained the department's current authority only projects in **HB 5** and its bonded projects in **HB 14**. Questions were asked.

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 19 - 3:A:21.3}**

**CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** asked if the department would be liquidating the Bozeman Armory and where the money would go after they had sold it. Discussion followed.

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 25.2 - 26.2}**

**CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** asked what the indoor rifle ranges were being used for. **Mr. DeGunzo** responded that they were being used for storage.

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 29 - 30}**

**REP. MCCANN** what the Havre Armory Vault project was.

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 30 - 30.8}**

**CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** asked **Mr. O'Connell** what kind of deal he had cut with **Mr. DeGunzo** to roll funds around. **Mr. O'Connell** responded and stated that a budget amendment would be required to allow for this.

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 31 - 32.3}**

**REP. MCCANN** asked how much the roof would cost.

**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 0.3}**

**REP. MCCANN** asked what the committee would do with reverted funds. Discussion followed.

**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 1 - 1.9}**

**Mr. DeGunzo** responded that the roof would cost around \$30,000. Discussion followed. He then distributed **EXHIBIT(jlh27a03)**, revised amounts being requested for the proposed projects. He then went on to explain the department's new projects.

**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 2 - 6.8}**

**Mr. Jim Jacobsen**, Administrator of the Veteran's Affairs Division, explained the department's project to construct a Veteran's Cemetery. The department requested an increase in the funding for this project of \$900,000, (from \$200,000 to \$1,100,000), because of a bill signed into law by the President of the United States stating that the Federal Government would fund 100% of construction for veteran's cemeteries. Questions were asked.

**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 6.9 - 14.2}**

**Mr. DeGunzo** stated that the Veteran's Society was here to support the construction of the Veteran's Cemetery, and the project at Fort Harrison to house the Department of Military Affairs. He then went on to explain the project and its need.

**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 14.6 - 18}**

**Mr. Larry Fasbender**, Deputy Director of the Department of Justice, testified on behalf of the request for the Fort Harrison facility and explained its benefits.

**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 18.1 - 20.4}**

**REP. MCCANN** asked what the relationship between the security system and the building was and if they could stay at the armory where they currently were.

**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 20.4 - 21.3}**

**CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** asked what the relationship between the disaster emergency services and the criminal justice system was.

**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 21.3 - 22.6}**

**Mr. Steve Knecht**, Response Manager for Disaster and Emergency Services, answered. Discussion followed.

**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 22.6 - 26.2}**

**REP. MCCANN** asked what would happen to the Historical Museum's displays and who would be moving into the armory. He then requested a breakdown of all the groups that would be moving around and the associated costs.

**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 26.3 - 30.9}**

**CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** asked if the statement "currently have state funding support and will revert to the federal government" applied to the armory. **Mr. DeGunzo** responded that it applied to the 11 facilities at Fort Harrison.

**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 31 - 31.8}**

**REP. ZOOK** asked where the mainframe was located. **Mr. DeGunzo** responded that it was in the Mitchell building. Discussion followed concerning a back-up system.

**{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.1 - 1.7}**

**General Prendergast** explained the Home Land Defense program that the department would be instituting and stated that this program would benefit from having many agencies based in one location.

**{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 2 - 4.3}**

**CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** asked **Mr. DeGunzo** about the matrix he had prepared including all the buildings involved in this move, their square footage, the amount of money going into the buildings, and utility, repair and maintenance costs. **CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** then asked the Department of Administration what they would do with the Armory if they got it. **Mr. Bailis** responded that they had not yet made a decision. Discussion followed concerning the cost benefit to the DOA.

**{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 4.4 - 7.1}**

**REP. ZOOK** asked for a square foot comparison of the Armory and the eleven buildings out at Fort Harrison.

**{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 7.2 - 7.9}**

**Mr. DeGunzo** stated that they had done an operational expense comparison for the Armory and the eleven buildings out at Fort Harrison, and that there would be significant savings by the Department of Military Affairs and to the State if they moved out to Fort Harrison. Discussion followed.

**{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 8.2 - 11.6}**

**Mr. DeGunzo** pointed out some corrections in operating costs and continued to present the department's new projects. Questions were asked.

**{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 11.7 - 16}**

**CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** asked when construction would begin on the new armories. **Mr. DeGunzo** responded that it would depend on federal funding.

**{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 16.8 - 17.8}**

**Mr. DeGunzo** discussed the Bozeman Armory, sale of the old facility and construction of a new one. **CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** asked if the old building needed to be made ADA accessible to boost its commercial value. **Mr. DeGunzo** continued his presentation.

**{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 17.8 - 21.3}**

**CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** asked **General Prendergast** which of the two armories, Bozeman's or Kalispell's, was a higher priority.

**{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 21.4 - 23.5}**

**Mr. DeGunzo** offered some closing comments.

**{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 23.6 - 26.2}**

**General Prendergast** offered some closing comments and recognized **Sergeant Torres**, an officer distinguished as a hero at the National Training Center.

**{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 26.2 - 27.8}**

**Sergeant Torres** gave a short presentation on her experience at the training center.

**{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 27.8 - 28.5}**

**HEARING ON HB 5 & 14 - LONG RANGE BUILDING PROGRAM - CLOSED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:00 P.M.

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REP. ERNEST BERGSAGEL, Chairman

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CASSANDRA DRYNAN, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (j1h27aad)